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### STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

the state of Tennessee, hereinafter called Owner, and
hereinafter called Engineer;
The Owner wishes to employ the Engineer to perform professional engineering services for
hereinafter called Project.
In consideration of the provisions contained in this Agreement, the Owner and Engineer agree to the following:
EFFECTIVE DATE The effective date of this Agreement shall be

THIS AGREEMENT, is between the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a municipal corporation in

# 2. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee and the codes of the City of Chattanooga.

#### 3. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY ENGINEER

Engineer shall perform the Services described in Attachment A, Scope of Services, in accordance with applicable sections of the City of Chattanooga Design and Construction Standards in effect on the date of this agreement.

#### 4. COMPENSATION

Owner shall pay Engineer in accordance with the Attachment B, Compensation.

#### 5. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Owner shall be responsible for all matters described in Attachment C, Owner's Responsibilities.

#### 6. PROJECT SCHEDULE

The provisions set forth in the Attachment D, Project Schedule shall be incorporated into this Agreement.

#### 7. INVOICING

The Engineer will use the format established in Attachment E, Standard Invoice, for all invoices submitted for services on the Project.

#### 8. STANDARD OF CARE

Engineer shall exercise the same degree of care, skill, and diligence in the performance of Services as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by a professional engineer under similar



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circumstances in the same area of practice. Engineer makes no warranty or guarantee, either expressed or implied, as part of this agreement.

#### 9. INDEMNIFICATION

Engineer hereby agrees to fully indemnify and hold harmless Owner and any of its departments, divisions, agencies, officers, employees and elected officials from all loss, damage, cost, or expenses specifically including attorneys' fees and other expenses of litigation incurred by or on behalf of the Owner and any of its officers, employees or elected officials arising out of Engineer's alleged or actual negligent performance of Services under this Agreement, including errors or omissions.

Owner hereby agrees to fully indemnify and hold harmless Engineer and any of its officers, employees, or designated agents from all loss, damage, cost, or expenses specifically including attorneys' fees and other expenses of litigation incurred by or on behalf of the Engineer and any of its officers, employees or designated agents arising out of Owner's negligence to the extent provided by the Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act, T.C.A. 29-20-201 et seq.

#### 10. INSURANCE

Engineer shall purchase and maintain during the life of this Agreement, insurance coverage which will satisfactorily insure him against claims and liabilities which arise because of the execution of this Agreement, with the minimum insurance coverages as follows:

- 1. Commercial General Liability Insurance, with a limit of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the general aggregate.
- 2. Automobile Liability Insurance, with a limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident, combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.
- 3. Worker's Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance, in accordance with statutory requirements, with a limit of \$500,000 for each accident.
- 4. Professional Liability Insurance, with a limit of \$1,000,000 for each claim and aggregate.

Prior to issuance of the Notice to Proceed by Owner, Engineer shall have on file with Owner certificates of insurance acceptable to Owner. Said certificates of insurance shall be filed with Owner in January of each year or may be submitted with each agreement. Upon completion of all Services, obligations, and duties provided for in this Agreement, or if this Agreement is terminated for any reason, the terms and conditions of this section shall survive.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, Owner waives any claim against



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Engineer and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold Engineer harmless from any claim, liability, and/or defense costs for injury or loss arising from Engineer's discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials, including, but not limited to, any costs created by delay of the project and any cost associated with possible reduction of the property value.

#### 11. LIMITATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Engineer shall not be responsible for: (1) construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, or safety precautions and programs in connection with the Project, (2) the failure of any contractor, subcontractor, vendor, or other Project participant, not under contract to Engineer, to fulfill contractual responsibilities to the Owner or to comply with federal, state or local laws, regulations, and codes; or (3) procuring permits, certificates, and licenses required for any construction unless such responsibilities are specifically assigned to Engineer in Attachment A, Scope of Services.

### 12. OPINIONS OF COST AND SCHEDULE

Since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment furnished by others, or over the resources provided by others to meet Project construction schedules, Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs and of construction schedules shall be made on the basis of experience and qualifications as a professional engineer. Engineer does not guarantee that costs will not vary from Engineer's cost estimates or that actual construction schedules will not vary from Engineer's projected schedules.

#### 13. REUSE OF DOCUMENTS

All documents, including, but not limited to calculations, drawings, specifications, and computer software prepared by Engineer pursuant to the Agreement are instruments of service in respect to the Project. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by Owner or others on extensions of the Project or on any other project. Any reuse without prior written verification or adaptation by Engineer for the specific purpose intended will be at Owner's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer. Any verification or adaptation requested by Owner shall entitle Engineer to compensation at rates to be agreed upon by Owner and Engineer.

#### 14. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Except as otherwise provided herein, engineering documents, calculations, drawings, and specifications prepared by Engineer as part of the Services shall become the sole property of Owner. However, both Owner and Engineer shall have the unrestricted right to their use. Engineer shall retain its rights in its standard drawing details, specifications, data bases, computer software, and other proprietary property protected under the copyright laws of the United States. Rights to intellectual property developed, utilized, or modified in the performance of services shall remain the property of Engineer.

#### 15. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms of this



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Agreement. The nonperforming party shall have fifteen calendar days from the date of the termination notice to cure or to submit a plan for cure acceptable to the other party. Owner may terminate or suspend performance of this Agreement for Owner's convenience upon written notice to Engineer. If termination or suspension is for Owner's convenience, Owner shall pay Engineer for all Services performed prior to the date of the termination notice. Upon restart, an adjustment acceptable to Owner and Engineer shall be made to Engineer's compensation.



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#### 16. DELAY IN PERFORMANCE

Neither Owner nor Engineer shall be considered in default of the Agreement for delays in performance caused by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the nonconforming party. For purposes of this Agreement, such circumstances include abnormal weather conditions; floods; earthquakes; fire; epidemics; war, riots, or other civil disturbances; sabotage; judicial restraint; discovery of unanticipated hazardous wastes; and inability to procure permits, licenses, or authorizations from any local, state, or federal agency for any of the supplies, materials, accesses, or services required to be provided by either Owner or Engineer under this Agreement. Should such circumstances occur, the nonconforming party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented from performing, give written notice to the other party describing the circumstances preventing continued performance and the efforts being made to resume performance of the Agreement. If the Engineer is delayed in the performance of the services for more than 365 calendar days, either by the Owner or circumstances beyond his control, an equitable adjustment to the contract amount can be made to compensate for additional costs incurred.

For delays in performance by Engineer, as set forth in Attachment D, Project Schedule, which are caused by circumstances which are within its control, such delays shall be documented on the Engineer's Project Performance Evaluation form. Said form shall be completed at the conclusion of Project and acknowledged by both Owner and Engineer. Completed form shall be retained by Owner for a period of five years and reviewed prior to consultant selection for City projects. In the event Engineer is delayed in the performance of Services because of delays caused by Owner, Engineer shall have no claim against Owner for damages or contract adjustment other than an extension of time.

#### 17. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Hazardous materials may exist at a site where there is no reason to believe they could or should be present. The Owner and Engineer agree that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials constitutes a changed condition mandating a renegotiation of the scope of work or termination of services. Owner and Engineer also agree that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials may make it necessary for the Engineer to take immediate measures to protect health and safety. Owner agrees to compensate Engineer for any equipment decontamination or other costs incident to the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials.

Engineer agrees to notify Owner when unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials are encountered. Owner agrees to make any disclosures required by law to the appropriate governing agencies, and agrees to hold Engineer harmless for any and all consequences of disclosures made by Engineer which are required by governing law. In the event the project site is not owned by Owner, the Owner agrees to inform the property owner of the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials.

#### 18. COMMUNICATIONS

Any communication required by this Agreement shall be made in writing to the address specified below:



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Engineer:		_
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Department of Transportation

Suite 3030, Development Resource Center

1250 Market Street

Chattanooga, TN 37402

(423) 643-5950

Nothing contained in the Article shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of Engineer and Owner.

#### 19. WAIVER

A waiver by either Owner or Engineer of any breach of this Agreement shall be in writing. Such a waiver shall not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach.

#### 20. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement or the occurrence of any event rendering any portion or provision of this Agreement void shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of this Agreement Any void provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement, and the balance of this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreement did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void. The parties further agree to amend this Agreement to replace any stricken provision with a valid provision that comes as close as possible to the intent of the stricken provision. The provisions of this Article shall not prevent this entire Agreement from being void should a provision which is of the essence of this Agreement be determined void.

#### 21. INTEGRATION

This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between Owner and Engineer. All prior and contemporaneous communications, representations, and agreements by Engineer, whether oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, are hereby incorporated into and shall become a part of this Agreement

#### 22. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Owner and Engineer each binds itself and its directors, officers, partners, successors, executors, administrators, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party of this Agreement and to the directors, officers, partners, successors, executors, administrators, assigns, and legal representatives of such other party in respect to all provisions of this Agreement.

#### 23. ASSIGNMENT

Neither Owner nor Engineer shall assign any rights or duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Unless otherwise stated in the written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any obligation under this Agreement. Nothing contained in this Article shall prevent Engineer from employing independent consultants, associates, and subcontractors to assist in the



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performance of the Services; however, other agreements to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event Engineer employs independent consultants, associates, and subcontractors to assist in performance of the Services, Engineer shall be solely responsible for the negligent performance of the independent consultants, associates, and subcontractors so employed.

#### 24. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to anyone other than Owner and Engineer.

#### 25. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to hold or to make the Owner a partner, joint venturer, or associate of Engineer, nor shall either party be deemed the agent of the other, it being expressly understood and agreed that the relationship between the parties is and shall at all times remain contractual as provided by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### 26. NON-DISCLOSURE

Engineer agrees not to disclose or to permit disclosure of any information designated by the Owner as confidential, except to the engineer's employees and subcontractors who require such information to perform the services specified in this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Engineer have executed this Agreement.

Title:	Date	Administrator of Transportation	Date
Title·	Date	Administrator of Finance	Date



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#### ATTACHMENT A

Owner: City of Chattanooga, Tennessee

Engineer:

Project Number & Name:

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

#### 1. BASIC SERVICES

The project is specifically defined below:

The Engineer agrees to provide the following services.

#### 2. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES

Any work requested by the Owner that is not included in the Basic Services will be classified as Supplemental Services. Supplemental Services shall include, but are not limited to the following.

#### 3. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

Project specific reimbursable expenses and charges shall include the following:



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### ATTACHMENT B

Owner: City of Chattanooga, Tennessee

Engineer:

Project Number & Name:

#### **COMPENSATION**

For the services covered by this Agreement, the Owner agrees to pay the Engineer as follows:



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### ATTACHMENT C

Owner: City of Chattanooga, Tennessee

Engineer:

Project Number & Name:

#### **OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Owner will furnish, as required by the work and not at the expense of the Engineer, the following:



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#### ATTACHMENT D

Owner: City of Chattanooga, Tennessee

Engineer:

Project Number & Name:

#### PROJECT SCHEDULE

Owner and Engineer recognize that time is of the essence of the Agreement. Accordingly, Engineer has established time intervals, in calendar days, for submittals at various stages of the project as detailed below. As each actual submittal date occurs, Engineer shall meet with Owner to discuss the progress of the work and the actual submittal date shall be documented. If project is behind schedule, the reason shall be recorded. Engineer shall not be responsible for the time required by Owner's representative to review Engineer's submittal. When review is complete, Owner shall, in writing, authorize Engineer to proceed to the next submittal date. After final submittal date, Engineer and Owner shall meet to evaluate Engineer's performance with regard to design schedule. An Engineer's Project Performance Evaluation form shall be completed and acknowledged by both Owner and Engineer. Completed form shall be retained by Owner for a period of five years and reviewed prior to consultant selection for City projects. Past performance shall be accounted for on the evaluation sheet used to rank consultants during the interview process.



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#### ATTACHMENT E

